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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the claims and consider the following remarks in response to the Office Action mailed December 6, 2007 (the "Action").

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.